

Mr. Schwarz, a graduate of Jenkins High School, has spent his entire life living in and serving Savannah. His dedication to his hometown is matched by his pride in his Irish heritage.

Mr. Schwarz has served on the parade council for almost 40 years; a council that his father and grandfather served on as well.

Being chosen to be the grand marshal for this parade is the highest honor for any Savannahian with Irish blood, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Mr. Schwarz.

To be a grand marshal is no small honor. It is a recognition of years of hard work. He knows this parade so well that I have even heard that if he is given a random parade float number, he can tell you exactly what floats will come before and after that one.

I know that Mr. Schwarz will make a great grand marshal, and I look forward to seeing the parade he puts on.

HONORING SARAH KEYS EVANS

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ensure Sarah Keys Evans' name is engraved in history forever.

We are taught about Rosa Parks, but Sarah Keys Evans' story occurred well before Ms. Parks, and please allow me to share with you her story.

Mr. Speaker, it was August 1, 1952, when Ms. Evans, an enlistee in the Women's Army Corps, boarded a bus for Washington, North Carolina, on leave from Fort Dix to visit her parents.

It was a long trip, so she took the most comfortable seat she could find. However, the bus driver demanded Ms. Evans give up her seat. When she refused, the police took her into custody where she spent 13 hours in jail in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, and paid a \$25 fine for disorderly conduct.

I recently introduced a bill that would honor Sarah Keys Evans with a Congressional Gold Medal, an honor she is more than deserving of. Indeed, she is a trailblazer, and this is a significant part of not only women's history but American history.

WELCOMING NURSING AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS FROM WEST COAST UNIVERSITY AND AMERICAN CAREER COLLEGE

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and welcome to Washington, D.C., a group of dedicated nursing and respiratory therapy students and professionals from West Coast University and American Career College.

West Coast University first opened its Dallas, Texas, campus in 2012 and

has since established a state-of-the-art facility in Richardson, providing important education to thousands of students.

These colleges play a vital role in expanding access to nursing education and addressing workforce shortages among healthcare professionals across the United States. They are committed to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals to meet our country's rising demand for care.

As the daughter of a nurse, I know firsthand that our healthcare workers are our heroes. My mom worked the graveyard shift so she could be there to tuck my brother and I into bed and be home for us when we woke up.

Please join me in welcoming these fine students to our Nation's Capital as they share with Congress their experience, passion, and perspective on providing quality nursing and healthcare.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Women's History Month.

It is important to celebrate the contributions women have made to our country.

For example, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson helped put a man on the Moon.

Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator and served as an adviser to three U.S. Presidents.

Dorothy Height was considered the godmother of the women's movement for her work to advance gender equality.

Charlotte Ray was the first female, African-American lawyer in the United States.

Ida Wells was born into slavery and became an outspoken advocate for women's issues.

Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler dedicated her life to caring for low-income women across the East Coast.

These women are a few of the many talented ones who have benefited our country, and I get the honor of seeing their legacy in the work of the many brilliant women making history in the U.S. Congress today.

COMMENDING SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(Mr. DONALDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend Fort Myers' Southwest Florida International Airport, better known as RSW, for being ranked the number one airport in the United States of America, according to Travel Lens U.S.A. Airport Report.

As the Member of Congress that proudly represents RSW, I am excited

to stand here today to shine light on this distinct accolade within my district. In 2022, RSW set a record for the total number of passengers, despite the severe impact stemming from Hurricane Ian.

To be frank, there are many reasons why a record number of Americans are visiting and moving to southwest Florida. The inherent beauty of RSW speaks for itself—now imagine the stunning beauty throughout my entire district.

I can confidently say that I have the most beautiful district in the country and the best district overall, especially considering how many Members come and visit my district.

Finally, I want to share a few quick statistics. The average wait time at RSW is only 16 minutes. It is second in the Nation for the lowest amount of carbon emissions per passenger. Number three, it has the fourth highest passenger satisfaction rating in the United States of America.

Once again, I congratulate RSW for receiving this great honor for being ranked America's best airport.

BILINGUALISM IS A TREASURE

(Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago today, New Mexico was the first State to adopt a law that recognizes language and culture are inseparable, that students learn better if they take the language from their kitchen into their classroom.

Fifty years ago, my parents helped write and pass the Bilingual Multicultural Education Act so Keres, Tiwa, Tewa, Towa, Dine, Apache, Zuni, Spanish, and ASL would be taught in our schools.

Like many New Mexicans, they understood the importance of culturally relevant content. Today, 70 percent of New Mexico school districts have bilingual multicultural instruction.

Bilingualism is a treasure. Nearly 22 percent of the U.S. speaks a language other than English at home, and roughly 245 indigenous languages are spoken across the country.

Studies have shown that having a second language helps students be better problem solvers, more creative, able to concentrate, and communicate better.

“Que viva nuestra herencia y cultura.” “Long live our heritage and culture.”

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PRESERVING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

(Mr. LAWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on this body to work in a